

# THAT STATUE OF PURITY WHICH CAUSES NEW YORK TO SMILE



New York has been very much amused and the paragraphs, comedians and cartoonists are having a great deal of fun over the big plaster statue of Purity which has been erected in Longacre square. The odd looking figure with uplifted hand and close

gripped shield was erected by some civic minded persons who believe that New York is entitled to a statue both for civic and moral righteousness. Be that as it may, the average New York-ster thinks the statue is out of place in that part of Broadway, and the thing is being unmercifully "guyed."

## VIA WIRELESS

Novelized by Thompson Buchanan From the Successful Play of the Same Name  
By WINCHELL SMITH, FREDERIC THOMPSON and PAUL ARMSTRONG

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(Continued.)

A pitiful picture was Marsh, half stooped, half crouched, shuddering with horror at the thought of what he had helped to do. Frances saw and completely misunderstood his attitude. Her eyes filled with tears of sympathy. She stepped over and put her hand gently on the arm of the shuddering man.

"Mr. Bradley, I beg of you not to question Mr. Marsh any further," she pleaded. "I'm sure if Mr. Marsh knew anything about the forging he would tell you. No one knows the horrors of that accident better than he. No one could know. He had a son who was blinded in an accident."

Her voice grew very gentle as she continued: "I was with him at his boy's bedside when he died. I know the anguish that he felt then." She let her arm slip gently around the old man's shoulder. "And I know if there was anything to tell he—"

She got no further, for, with a shuddering cry of terrible anguish, the man drew away from her arm.

"Don't," he moaned—"don't say any more! I can't stand it. I'm going to strip my soul naked to God and end this."

He stood up straight to face Bradley, no longer the frightened, shuddering coward with a guilty secret, but a man who had done wrong and knew it, a repentant sinner eager to tell all. There was a look not merely of anguish, but almost of exaltation, on his face. Pinckney saw it and made his last desperate appeal.

"Here, Marsh!" he shouted sharply. But the little man was past his influence now. He faced his former bully, wide-eyed, unafraid, desperate.

"If you speak to me again, as there is a God above us, I will kill you where you stand!" he said in a low, tense voice of fury. Then with a quick move he reached to his pocket,

"You're a thief, Pinckney! Do you hear?" and the watchers saw the gleam of a pistol. They did not know the little man now. He stood straight up, bold, eager, repentant.

"Listen," he said. "And any one here who values his life will let me alone. I am the inventor of the Rhine-strom patent. I know what Mr. Bradley meant about the royalty. You're a thief, Pinckney! Do you hear? A thief! Why don't you speak? Deny it if you dare, you thief!"

There was a gasp of surprise, of horror. "You told me the royalty was to be a hundred dollars an inch. Now I find it's a thousand. That was why the patents could not be in my name—you wanted to steal. And that was why you wanted that gun of Sommers' killed, so that you could get the government to take mine—mine," he repeated, bringing his fist violently against his chest—"not Rhine-strom's, but mine! And you were to get nine times as much as me. You told me to forge that gun before Sommers came. You got Smith drunk and put him in charge of that tempering bath—you! And you know it—and I was a party to it. I stood for it. I saw the rotten work was done. And I waited, day after day, night after night—sleepless, afraid, I waited. And one day in a whisper through the works the news came. How do you think I felt since then? I am a murderer, and so are you! And you not only have that on your soul, but you would disgrace another man. The dead are enough for me." His face took on a look of awful, supernatural fear as he went on.

"They whispered to me in the night, and the slightest eyes of the lad, blinded, blink at me through the darkness. And it's the face of my boy with slightless eyes accusing me. I won't stand it, I tell you. I'm going with my soul naked to the lash before my God and cry for pity and forgiveness."

Amazed, horror-stricken, finally dumbfounded, the listeners had hung spell-bound through the terrible confession. When it was finished for one moment no one moved. Then Marsh, with a little, gasping catch in his throat, turned and walked quickly out of the office, and as he went through the door they saw a gleam of his revolver. The door closed, and Bradley, the first to recover, sprang toward it, but even the quick secret service man was too late. He jerked open the door. There came a sharp report. Bradley stepped back inside and closed the door.

"He's gone," he said.

Next Pinckney, as one coming out of a daze, looked up, and the secret service man touched him sharply on the arm. Those curiously shrewd, hard eyes were looking into the eyes of the general manager, and in that look Pinckney read that the game was up.

"Will you come with me, Mr. Pinckney?" Bradley's voice was courteous, polite and cold and hard as steel. "I hope you won't make any trouble. I don't care to walk you out handcuffed before the men."

The chief conspirator, cool to the last, nodded.

"I'll come," he said curtly. Then, accompanied by Bradley and followed by Mr. Durant, he walked out coolly to the door through which Marsh had gone to death.

The stenographer already had taken her departure. Sommers and Frances were alone.

"My own!" he whispered. "The city's arms slipped up about his neck naturally." "Let us go away," she murmured. "Take me home."

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